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Caledonian Mercury:

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An Account of all the most considerable NEWS,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Monday, January 20, 1724.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, January 14th, 1724.

Since our Last arrived two Mails from Holland, and one from France.

Hague, Jan. 20.

WE have received divers Advices from Constantinople, both by Couriers from Venice and Vienna: Those from Venice confirm the immense Preparations of the Turks towards the Frontiers of Russia, the Porte only waiting of a Courier they sent to Petersburg some Time ago, to determine themselves either for Peace or War. Other Advices by private Letters import, That the Russian Troops which were posted near the Boristhenes, are in full March to Persia; and that the Army which is to be drawn together on the Borders of Turkey, under the Command of Prince Menzikoff, will consist of upwards of 100000 Men.

Paris, Jan. 19 A Gang of 16 Robbers having lately intrenched themselves in a small Castle, from whence the Marshal of the Province could not dislodge them, 40 Gens d'Arms who were detached thither, took 7 of the Rogues, but met with such Resistance, that the Brigadier and 4 of the Gentlemen were killed.

In the School of Physic in this City, a Dissertation was read some Days ago against the Practice of Inoculating the Small Pox.

The King will return to Versailles the 23d. Instant; the same Day the Infanta Queen will go to Trianon for some Time.

London, Jan. 14. On Sunday last the Court went out of Mourning for the Death of the Duke of Orleans.

Last Week Captain James Butler was taken into Custody of one of His Majesty's Messengers.

From

*From the Evening Post.**Remarks on the Halfpence design'd for the Kingdom of Ireland, A. D. 1723.*

	Weight of a Halfpenny.		Numbers in a Pound.		Current Value.		
	In Grains.		Integers.	Decimals.	Pence.	Halfpence.	Decimals.
The 1 st Sort	120—		58	33	29		33
2 ^d Sort	111—		63	6	31	01	6
3 ^d Sort	103—		67	96	33	01	96
4 th Sort	96—		72	91	36		91
The mean Proportion	107 5		65	11	32	01	11

	Quantity coin'd.	Intrinsic Value.		Current Value.		Loss to the Public.	
	Tuns.	L.	sh. d.	L.	sh. d.	L.	sh. d.
If the 1 st Sort	360	40	320 : :	97994	8 :	57647	08 :
If the 2 ^d Sort	—	—	—	105940	16 :	65620	16 :
If the 3 ^d Sort	—	—	—	114172	16 :	73852	16 :
If the 4 th Sort	—	—	—	122488	16 :	82168	16 :
In the mean Proportion	—	—	—	109384	16 :	69064	16 :
If as the Patent allows	—	—	—	102480	00 :	62160	00 :

Every Halfpenny, in the Pound-weight exceeding the Number directed by the Patent, gives 1680 Pound Sterling Profit to the Patentee.

English Halfpence, being 44 Halfpence to the Pound-weight, 360 Tuns is 74760 Pound Sterling, that is, 27720 Pound Sterling less than by the Patent for Ireland.

*W. Maple.**To Mr. Maple in Dublin.*

S I R,

WHEN I heard that you were ordered by the P-----t to make your Remarks on the Halfpence design'd for Ireland, I expected from your known Character, that you would have done so in the most candid Manner; that you would have given your self the Trouble to read over the Patent, and have made your Calculation, by the Method and in the Manner which that prescribes: But I believe every Body will be surprized as much as I was, when they read the following Paragraphs of the Patent, compare them with your Manner of Computation, by the Weight of a single Halfpenny, by Grains, and by four different Sorts, and yet find, that there is not one Word mentioned relating to the Weight of a Halfpenny, nothing said about Grains; and that the Patent allows and supposes not only four, but that many Sorts may, and must necessarily be made.

The Patent says, 'Provided &c. That the Halfpence be of such Size, and Bigness, that one Averdupois Pound Weight of Copper shall not be converted into more Farthings or Halfpence than shall make thirty Pence by Tale, and so as all the said Farthings and Halfpence be made of equal Weight in themselves, or as near thereunto as may be, being allowed a Remedy not exceeding two Farthings over or under in each Pound-Weight.

And afterwards it says,

'And the said William Wood shall suffer such Person or Persons, as the Treasury

• Treasury, &c. shall constitute and appoint to mix the same in a Heap,
 • and to assay the same by computing out 30 Pence from several Parts of
 • the Heap, and weighing every Parcel so computed out, and to take a
 • Medium of all the Weights, for the Weight of thirty Pence, and there-
 • by, to estimate the Value of the whole Heap, and of every Part thereof
 • according to its Weight.

Now Sir, if you have read this (as I presume you have) you might (I am sure you ought to) have taken Notice, that the Patent does not suppose every Halfpenny can be made exactly of the same Weight, but that there may be several of different Weights; nay, it does not suppose that every Pound shall be of the same Weight, therefore it allows a Remedy of two Parthings, over or under, upon every Pound: And further directs that it shall be assayed by weighing several Pounds, one after another, not by a single Halfpenny as Mr. Maple in his abundant Goodness has done; and if these at a Medium or mean Proportion make 30 Pence, the Money is made agreeable to the Patent.

And since this is so, I cannot see how Mr. Maple can excuse himself from imposing on the P——t as he has done by his Computation, and from bringing so great a Load and Weight of Scandal, as this his fallacious Calculation has brought on the Patentee.

If I should buy a Pound of Rhubarb at Mr. Maple's Shop, consisting of 30 Pieces, and because every Piece did not weigh the 30th Part of a Pound, affirm he was guilty of a most notorious Fraud, it is easy to know what he would say I deserve for such a ridiculous Accusation.

But to come to your Remarks,

If you had dealt ingenuously, instead of computing the intrinsic Value of the Copper at 40320 lib. Sterling, which is but at 12 d. per Pound, you should have reckoned it at 14 d. for Copper in Ireland is worth so much at least, and then your intrinsic Value would have been 47040 l. and what you call Loss to the Publick, reduc'd from your 62160 to 53760, and you should have made your Calculation thus.

Quantity	Intrinsic Value	Current Value	Difference between
Coin'd, 360	at 14 d. per	at 2 s. 6 d. per	the current and in-
Tuns.	Pound, Averdu-	Pound Weight,	trinsic Value
	poise 47040	100800 l.	53760 l.
	Pound.		

But why you should call even that 53760 l. Loss to the Publick, every Body is at a Loss to find a Reason other than this, that it was your Business to please a certain L—— and three or four C——s to set the Coinage in an ill Light to be paid for so doing, and to give some Grounds and Appearance of Reason whereon to condemn it.

For it is certain this 53760 l. cannot be Loss to the Publick, unless the Publick, will as soon as they get this Money, melt it down, and sell it at 14 d. per Pound.

And since it is to continue to pass always between Man and Map for its imposed Value, he that changes Half a Crown in Silver for 30 d. of this Money, only changes one Convenience for another more necessary; and as he disposes of it again for the Value of that Silver Half Crown, surely he loses nothing by it, neither doth the Publick.

And

And now, Sir, since you have been so fortunate, and happily rewarded for your unfair and fallacious Calculation, I will venture to make a righteous and true one, tho' I don't expect from it your Success.

But first I must premise, That I suppose Ireland does not expect to have their Copper Money made at less Expence than England; That an Allowance for Exchange between the two Kingdoms must be granted, and something to the Patentee for Profit. And I must observe, That tho' you reckon but 44 Halfpence to a Pound of English Copper, there is always 45, and sometimes 46.

And now, Sir, I'll shew you the Difference in a just Calculation, between the English and Irish Money.

<i>English Money.</i>		
360 Tuns at	Current Value at	Difference between the
122 Pound-wt.	45 Halfpence only	intrinick and current
40320 l.	to the Pound-Wt.	Value which England
	76440 l.	pays for Coining,
		36120 l.

Irish Money,			
360 Tuns at 14 d. per Pd. 47040 l.	Expence of Coining agree- able to Eng- land 30120 l.	Current Va- lue at 2 s. 6 d. per Pound 100800 l.	Difference in Value between English and I- rish, 17640 l.

And now, Sir, whether this Difference is worthy of such violent Complaint, as has been made against it, when the Exchange, which at 10 per Cent. only, amounts to 10000 L. of the 17, is considered, and the Allowance that the Patentee must make to the Purchasers for Freight, for Risque of the Sea, &c. be considered too; I say, whether this Thing be such a mighty Grievance, or whether Ireland can ever expect to have a Copper Coinage upon better Terms, let those who are wiser judge.

I am, Sir,

*Your Humble Servant,
and old Acquaintance,*

P. Q.

From the weekly Journal.

On the 3d Instant, Mr. Hop, Envoy extraordinary from the States General, had his private Audience of his Majesty, to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable Charles Lord Viscount Tounshend, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Coterel Knight, Master of the Ceremonies.

On the 4th. The said Envoy had private Audience of their Royal Highnesses, in their respective Apartments, being introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies. On the 7th, he had a private Audience of the young Princess, being introduced likewise by the Master of Ceremonies also.

The same Day, His Excellency Hag Abdilcador Peres, Admiral to the Emperor of Morocco, and his Ambassador Extraordinary to the British Court had his Audience of His Majesty at St. James's, with the usual Ceremonies.

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We hear that a Silver-Mine of extraordinary Value, has been lately discovered at Glasfop in Derby-Shire, near some Coal-Pits.

This Week has been performed, a new Doctor Faustus, at the Theatre in Lincolns Inn Fields, with such Success, that we are not able to give an Account of it, the House being every Night so crowded, we could not find a Place to see it.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 14.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland.

Letters from Constantinople of the 1d past say, That the Express which was last sent to the Czar's Court, is not yet returned, but impatiently expected to be informed of the Czar's final Resolution, touching the Demand made to him by the Grand Seignior, to know whether he will abandon all his Conquests in Persia; if not, the Sultan is determined to declare War against him: To which End the Turkish Forces on the Rivers Pruth, Boristhenes and Dnieper, are augmented to 120000 Men, besides the 45000 Tartars that are canton'd on the Banks of the Pruth, whether 4000 Janizaries have been sent from Adrianople; but the Standard of the Horse-Tail will not be sent up till the Grand Vizier's Baggage is ready, he being resolved to head the Army in Person which is to act against the Russians; and 'tis said his Design is to possess himself all at once of the Muscovite Ucraina, and of all the Lands of the Cossacks.

They add, That 20 Gallies loaden with all Kind of Ammunition and Stores of War, were sent from Constantinople to be transported to Asoph.

According to Letters from Petersburg, the Czar is fully resolved to maintain his new Conquests in Persia, from whence an Express having arrived the 21st past, a Grand Council was held that Evening, at which the Czar was present, and the next Day all the General Officers were summoned in a Council of War; after which an Express was dispatched to Constantinople and another to Persia. Prince Gallician has Orders to put off the March of the Forces, the Czar designing to review them upon his Arrival at Moscow, where two Natives of Persia have been lately taken up for keeping Correspondency with Meriwylse, who, some Advices say, is retired with all the Treasure of Persia into his Principality of Candabar.

His Majesty's most gracious Speech, and the good News given from the Hague by the aforesaid Mail, that the Acts of Investiture are arrived at Cambray from Vienna, and that the Congress is beginning to open, have given such a Rise to the publick Funds, that South Sea Stock is at 119 per Cent. S. S. Annuities 101, 3 4ths, Bank 129, Bank Subscription 11. Premium, India 149 one half.

By a French Mail just arrived, we have Letters from Paris which say, that the considerable Price of the Actions which are already at 1500, makes People believe, that they are kept up by some Orders of the Court, and the rather, because Premiums are taken at 2000 for the Month of April; but 'tis probable, the Prospect of a durable Peace is the great Cause of their Actions rising; for it cannot be supposed, the Duke of Bourbon will be for entering upon a War, at least till the King comes to a greater Age, so as to give a right Judgment of Things.

Yesterday Mr. Speaker reported his Majesty's Answer to their Address, which was in Substance, That the Wisdom and Resolution of this Parliam^{ent}

ment have principally contributed to our present happy Situation, and the Perseverance of His faithful Commons with the same Zeal and Unanimity in the Dispatch of publick Business, will be the surest Means of improving of this favourable Opportunity to the best Advantage, for the Honour and Interest of the Kingdom.

In the Bill for explaining and amending the Act for taking the Oaths, Provision is made for such Persons as are Bed-ridden, or under any other Bodily Infirmary, and be more intelligible as to most Persons who are required to take them, and that there will be a severe Penalty on any one that shall personate another.

This Day the Commons in a Grand Committee, resolved *nemine contradicente*, That a Supply be granted to His Majesty for the Service of the Year 1724.

We are assured, that a Bill will be brought in this Session for lowering the Duties on Tea, Coffee, &c. in order to put a Stop to the running of those Commodities from Ostend.

Yesterday died Justice Leney, an eminent Turkish Merchant of this City.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

THERE is just now come home from several Places abroad, a choice Parcel of new Fresh Garden Seeds, and Garden-Tools; to be sold by Arthur Clephan Merchant in Edinburgh, a little above the Main-Guard, at the Ship-Clofs Head. Where is also the famous Eye-Water, which cures all Diseases of the Eyes; such as Pins, Webs, Mists, Pearls, and carries off all Inflammation and Pains of the Eyes, doth cool and repel those sharp Rheums which fall upon the Eyes, and that by dropping three or four Drops into your Eyes, Evening and Morning: Price twelve Shil. Scots per Bottle. As likewise the Elixir Amara, Stomachica, and Antiscorbatica, or, a pleasant Stomachic-bitter, of a very fine Flavour, without any druggish Smell or Taste: Price eight Shillings Scots per Bottle; and is the best, if not preferable to the best Bitters, that have yet appeared in the World: With printed Directions for the Use of both. To be sold at the above Shop, where Catalogues of the Seeds and Tools may be had.

\$\$\$ The COLD BATH belonging to the College of Physicians, being now in the Doctors Hands, is newly repaired, and made much more convenient and useful than formerly; and some Physicians will daily attend, to see every Thing belonging to it in good Order.

[C] Whereas there having been a former Advertisement published and continued in the News-papers for some Time, concerning the Creditors of David Earl of Northesk, for Signing of the Submission, and Producing their Interests; and Mr. John Ogilvie of Balbegao and Mr. John Forbes of Newhall, Advocates, Arbiters in the Submission, being met, and the Creditors, Signing and Producing their Interests, being present by themselves or their Doers, and insisting to be preferr'd according to their Interests produc'd: The saids Arbiters continued the Consideration thereof until the Fourteenth Day of February next, that the other Creditors might have Time to give in their Interests; and appointed this Advertisement to be made in the News-papers: With Certification, That they will then proceed in the Ranking, according to their Powers in the Submission.

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